

## THE COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

Mr. R. H. Yule, Colporteur, read an extended report of the year's work. The following statistics were given:—Miles travelled, 2,339; Bibles sold, 25; given away, 1; Testaments sold, 19; given away, 15; books given away, 54; pages of tracts distributed, 2,548; families and persons visited, 1,428; conversions, 35; baptised, 19; sermons preached, 42; Sunday Schools addressed, 12; Prayer Meetings attended, 51; value of sales, \$162; travelling expenses, \$76.25; subscriptions to the *North-West Baptist*, \$48; forwarded to Treasurer, pledges for funds of Convention, \$239.50; do. cash, \$76.25.

On motion of H. J. Haviland, the report was adopted.

## WAYS AND MEANS.

Rev. A. A. Cameron read the report of the Committee on Ways and Means and future policy of the Convention, which was discussed item by item and adopted as a whole on motion of Mr. W. A. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. D. Cameron.

Your committee after several protracted sittings, during which the whole field was brought under review, our present and future needs were discussed and our resources inquired into, unanimously reached the following findings:

I. Superintendent. That this Convention affirm its conviction as to the wisdom of continuing the office and work of the Superintendent of missions and general missionary which have been so fruitful during the last few months of giving unity, solidity and aggressiveness to our home missionary operations.

That we recommend the new Board to continue the Rev. J. H. Best, pastor of the Brandon Baptist Church, in this superintendency work, if said church agree to release him from pastoral obligations.

II. The question of supply to fields now occupied by missionary students. Your Committee would recommend that after a careful report of Superintendent in reference to the grouping of fields and the amount of local aid guaranteed, the Board will provide as many evangelists as our resources admit of.

III. New fields that call for missionary labor: Birtle, Moosomin, Moose Jaw, Grenfell, Regina, Calgary, Prince Albert, Neepawa, Treherne, Stonewall and Balmoral, Hamiota, Beulah, Carnduff.

IV. German work. From the Rev. F. A. Petereit, Superintendent of German missions, your Committee learn of the urgent need of supplying a German-English-speaking missionary for New Tolscha, near Regina, Ebenezer Colony and Langenburg in the North-West Territories.

V. Colportage work. After an earnest consultation, your Committee, while recommending the discontinuance of colportage as a special work of this Convention, desire this Convention to place on record our appreciation of the untiring labors and marked faithfulness of Bro. R. H. Yule, our pioneer colporteur, and express the hope that in the increasing mission work of this new country the Board may find for him an enlarged sphere of Christian usefulness, and so have him remain identified with the Baptists and Baptist work in Manitoba.

VI. Your Committee recommend a canvass by our Superintendent of Eastern churches at such opportune time as the Board may direct.

VII. That the Board be asked to consider the question of organizing Sunday Schools and prayer meetings where there are Baptist families, or wherever Baptist students are at work, in order that the people may work though the students have gone.